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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may cited as the “Fourteenth Dalai Lama
5 Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth
8 Dalai Lama—

9 (1) is recognized in the United States and
10 throughout the world as a leading figure of moral
11 and religious authority;

12 (2) is the unrivaled spiritual and cultural leader
13 of the Tibetan people, and has used his leadership
14 to promote democracy, freedom, and peace for the
15 Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of
16 the Tibet issue, based on autonomy within the Peo-
17 ple’s Republic of China;

18 (3) has led the effort to preserve the rich cul-
19 tural, religious, and linguistic heritage of the Ti-
20 betan people and to promote the safeguarding of
21 other endangered cultures throughout the world;

22 (4) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989
23 for his efforts to promote peace and non-violence
24 throughout the globe, and to find democratic rec-

1 conciliation for the Tibetan people through his “Mid-
2 dle Way” approach;

3 (5) has significantly advanced the goal of great-
4 er understanding, tolerance, harmony, and respect
5 among the different religious faiths of the world
6 through interfaith dialogue and outreach to other re-
7 ligious leaders; and

8 (6) has used his moral authority to promote the
9 concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet
10 for how human beings should treat one another and
11 the planet we share.

12 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

13 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
14 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
15 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
16 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
17 medal of appropriate design, to Tenzin Gyatso, the Four-
18 teenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring
19 contributions to peace and religious understanding.

20 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
21 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
22 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
23 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
24 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-
25 retary.

1 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

2 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
3 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
4 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
5 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
6 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
7 and the cost of the gold medal.

8 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

9 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
10 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
11 51 of title 31, United States Code.

12 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
13 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
14 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
15 items.

16 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
17 **SALE.**

18 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
19 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
20 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
21 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
22 to this Act.

23 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
24 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section

- 1 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
- 2 Enterprise Fund.

